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By Senators Fairley, Mulliken, Haugen, Franklin and Rasmussen

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to military borrowers; and amending RCW 31.45.210.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 31.45.210 and 2005 c 256 s 1 are each amended to read 4 as follows:
- 5 (1) A licensee shall:

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- 6 (a) When collecting any delinquent small loan, not garnish any 7 wages or salary paid for service in the armed forces;
 - (b) Defer for the duration of the posting all collection activity against a military borrower who has been deployed to a combat or combat support posting for the duration of the posting;
- 11 (c) Not contact, or threaten to contact either orally or in 12 writing, the military chain of command of a military borrower in an 13 effort to collect a delinquent small loan;
- 14 (d) Honor the terms of any repayment agreement between the licensee 15 and any military borrower, including any repayment agreement negotiated 16 through military counselors or third party credit counselors; and
- 17 (e) Not make a loan from a specific location to a person that the 18 licensee knows is a military borrower when the military borrower's

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commander has notified the licensee in writing that the specific location is designated off-limits to military personnel under their command.

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(2) For purposes of this section, "military borrower" means any active duty member or spouse of the armed forces of the United States, or any member or spouse of the national guard or the reserves of the armed forces of the United States who has been called to active duty.

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